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WAGE POLICY EXPLOITS WORKERS

INCOME REDUCED -- New York, Riportok es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 17 Nov 51

During the summer, Soviet economist Eugene Varga visited Budapest to investigate progress in connection with four directives issued by Moscow at the beginning of the year: lowering the living standard, increasing collectivization, raising work norms, and increasing productivity of light and heavy industries. Varga expressed particular dissatisfaction with the low level of Hungarian work norms.

The Rakosi government took action to intensify work competition and to institute stricter regulations on the already harried labor force. The party leadership ordered changes in work norms, and the new collective contracts drawn up toward the end of October contained considerably steeper tasks than in the previous year. The outcome of the 7 November work contest will largely determine the continuance in office of the present party heads.

Although providing for higher wages, the new collective contracts actually contain a veiled decrease, since an impossible increase in the amount of work must be attained. A worker in the Red Star (formerly Hofherr-Schranitz) Factory with a previous pay of 185 forints per week now is entitled to 205 forints, but only if he completes two more units of work per day. An 8-forint bonus is provided for each unit completed above the new norm, and 5 forints are deducted for each unit short. However, since the old contracts were already geared to the ultimate productive capacity of the worker, he loses 60 forints per week with the same production as before, which reduces his weekly gross income to 145 forints.

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FREE KITCHENS TO FEED HUNGRY -- New York, Riportok es Hitek Magyarorszagrol,
17 Nov 51

Many free kitchens have been set up to feed the hungry in Budapest and in several provincial cities. Equipped with cups and plates, the poor form long lines to receive food.

ORDERS REPORTING OF DISMISSED WORKERS -- Budapest, Magyar Kozlony, 1 Sep 51

The president of the Office of Manpower Reserve has issued executive orders relative to the compulsory reporting of workers leaving their place of employment arbitrarily or dismissed for disciplinary reasons. All persons, including apprentices who quit arbitrarily, shall be reported individually on forms specified by the Office of Manpower Reserve.

Beginning 8 September 1951, the reports, in duplicate, shall be mailed to the registration department of the Office of Manpower Reserve.

If disposition of the case is changed due to an appeal or other reasons, or if the decision relative to the disciplinary dismissal is reversed, this circumstance shall also be reported.

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